

Forty-fourth Commencement

May 14, 2005 • Saturday • Legion & Dean Athletic Center

9:30 A.M.

School of Arts & Sciences
School of Technology & Computer Sciences

NOON

School of Business Administration
School of Education • School of Human Services

Prayer and Benediction • Presentation of the Colors • Invocation • Presentation of the National Anthem • Presentation of the University Colors • Presentation of the University Song

Invocation • Presentation of the National Anthem • Presentation of the University Colors • Presentation of the University Song

Welcome and Introduction • Presentation of the Colors • Invocation • Presentation of the National Anthem • Presentation of the University Colors • Presentation of the University Song

Address • Presentation of the Colors • Invocation • Presentation of the National Anthem • Presentation of the University Colors • Presentation of the University Song

Presentation of the Colors • Invocation • Presentation of the National Anthem • Presentation of the University Colors • Presentation of the University Song

Conferring of Degrees • Presentation of the Colors • Invocation • Presentation of the National Anthem • Presentation of the University Colors • Presentation of the University Song

Presentation of Diplomas • Presentation of the Colors • Invocation • Presentation of the National Anthem • Presentation of the University Colors • Presentation of the University Song

Legislative Remarks • Presentation of the Colors • Invocation • Presentation of the National Anthem • Presentation of the University Colors • Presentation of the University Song

Announcement of Academic Honors • Presentation of the Colors • Invocation • Presentation of the National Anthem • Presentation of the University Colors • Presentation of the University Song

Benediction • Presentation of the Colors • Invocation • Presentation of the National Anthem • Presentation of the University Colors • Presentation of the University Song

Successional Song Number • Presentation of the Colors • Invocation • Presentation of the National Anthem • Presentation of the University Colors • Presentation of the University Song

Sign Language Interpreter • Presentation of the Colors • Invocation • Presentation of the National Anthem • Presentation of the University Colors • Presentation of the University Song

Please remain seated until dismissal is announced.



Forty-fourth Commencement

May 14, 2005 • Saturday • Leggett & Platt Athletic Center

9:30 A.M.

*School of Arts & Sciences
School of Technology • Associates Degrees*

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance"

Invocation

Welcome and Introductions

Address

Presentation of Class

Conferring of Degrees

NOON

*School of Business Administration
School of Education • Bachelor of General Studies*

Elgar

Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

9:30 A.M. Dr. Al Carnine

Professor, Music, School of Arts & Sciences

NOON Dr. Pat Lipira

Head, Department of Kinesiology, School of Education

Dr. Julio S. León

President, Missouri Southern State University

William L. Gipson

Dr. Richard J. McCallum

Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University

Dr. Julio S. León

Presentation of Diplomas

Congratulatory Remarks

Dr. Vickie Roettger

President, Faculty Senate, Missouri Southern State University

Announcement of Academic Honors

Dr. Richard J. McCallum

Benediction

9:30 A.M. Dr. Al Carnine

NOON Dr. Pat Lipira

Recessional "Sine Nomine"

R. V. Williams & E. Rosenberg

Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

Sign Language Interpreter

Mary Zustiak

Please remain seated until recessional is completed.

About the Speaker



William L. Gipson

President and Chief Executive Officer
The Empire District Electric Company

A native of Jasper County, Missouri, William (Bill) L. Gipson graduated from Missouri Southern State University (MSSU) with a Bachelor of Science degree in Management Technology in 1985. He earned an Associate of Science Degree in 1978. Mr. Gipson is a familiar face to the Southern family and was named "Outstanding Alumnus" in 2002.

Mr. Gipson joined The Empire District Electric Company in March 1981 in the Information Technology area and was promoted to the Manager of Economic Development in 1987. In October 1995, he was promoted to Director of Commercial Operations and, in February 1997, was named General Manager of Commercial Operations. He was elected Vice President of Commercial Operations in April 1997, Executive Vice President in February 2001, and Chief Operating Officer in October 2001. He was elected to the Board of Directors in April 2002 and President and Chief Executive Officer effective May 1, 2002.

Mr. Gipson is currently serving as Chairman of the Missouri Energy Development Association, as a board member of the Edison Electric Institute, and the Missouri Chamber of Commerce, and is immediate past chairman of the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce board. He is also a member of the MSSU School of Business Advisory Council, the MSSU Foundation, and the Joplin Rotary Club.

Mr. Gipson and his wife, Tracy, have one daughter, Sarah. They reside in Carl Junction.

Candidates for Honors & Degrees

Baccalaureate Degrees

Summa Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Ball, Cassie Diane
Bastin, Kristina Marie
Blount, Seafha Jolene †
Brewer, Wesley Eugene
Cassi, Erika Monique ‡ †
Chew, Jessica Lee
Cross, Annette Leigh †
Crouch, Stacey Renae
Drake, Brittany Brianne †

Fletcher, Heather Dawn *
Gilbreth, Cathy Lynn
Green, Nancy D. *
Hanlon, Robert Sterling
Harmon, Melinda Nichole ‡
Harrell, Crystal S. †
Higgins, Terra Lynne †
Hooper, Tonya Jean

Krebs, Kellie Susann ‡
Leiby, Bonnie Sue ‡ †
Manley, Michelle
McMunn, Lacey Star ‡ †
Noriega, Jimmy A. †
O'Donnell, Jeanne Elaine ‡
Pierce, Christopher George
Raska, Christian

Richmond, Rachelle Rene
Skelton, Kinny K.
Stammer, Keesa L. * †
Stamper, Lara E.
Toalson, Melissa Ann
Vansandt, Rachel E.
Winfrey, Craig Michael
Young, Amy Melinda * ‡ †

Magna Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.80 3.89

Brand, Judith M.
Doulova, Ioulia Ivanovna
Dunson, Melissa N. †
Fox, Romena Jo †
Frazier, Susan R.

Hill, Ryan James
Hilton, Wesley D.
Hunter, Tammy M.
Ingram, Daniel Lee
Ketelsen, Stephanie Irène

Lefevre, Mary Elaine
Lewis, Travis L.
Lightle, Jr., David Wayne †
Noble, Jessie Morgan †
Pachauri, Mudit

Salyer, Loyd James
Sigars, Candace Rebecca
Sinksen, Daniel J.
Thurman, Pamela Michelle
Vladimirova, Iana Assenova †

Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.70 3.79

Alahaivala, Mika Petteri
Barnes, Nicole R. †
Bastin, Kimberly Lynn *
Beck, Summer Nicole
Binning, Regina Coreen
Brown, Susan Elizabeth
Chipatiso, Hillary Simbisai *

Fleetwood, Brian Keith
Gandy, Michael David
Hombs, Neil Patrick
Kern, Lexa Elaine
Lett, Jared Dane †
Lynch, Kathleen C.

Madson, Dione Nicole
Martin, Julia Lanora
Mastin, Rachel Susanne †
McAlister, Sheri Lynn
Nelson, Misty Dawn
Nichols, Stephen Brian

Roach, Tracy Jean
Sage, Jessica Shantel
Still, Sarah Lynn
Stockton, Aaron Michael
Summers, Amy L.
Thompson, Brenton Norl
Winters, Amanda Charlene

Associate Degrees

First Honors

Grade Point Average 3.90 or above

George, Amzel Rochelle ‡ *

Gossard, Andrea L. ‡ *

Second Honors

Grade Point Average 3.80 .899

Osborne, Ashley Nicole

Third Honors

Grade Point Average 3.70 .799

Ainsworth, Cary Ronald *

Daingerfield, Brent William

Ross, Kimberly Wright

School of Arts & Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Bell, Carolyn Michele
English
Miami, OK

Boyd, Janet L.
Communications
Greenfield

Brumfield, Tori Leigh *
English
Neosho

Caffey, Ashley Donn
Communications
Lebanon

Carrillo, Wesley J.
Political Science
Joplin

Clark, Amanda Leigh-Ann
Communications
Joplin

Claussen, Jessica Lynn
Theatre
Joplin

Comer, Matthew Gordon *
Communications
Joplin

Crain, Tiffany Leigh
Music
Cassville

Crouch, Stacey Renae
International Studies
Joplin

Divine, Aaron Pritchard
History
Neosho

Dostal, Jeremy R.
Art
Webb City

Drew, Jenna Ann *
English
Springfield

Dunson, Melissa Nicole †
Communications
Joplin

Erwin II, Ralph Clifton
German
Springfield

Evans, Jacob Wayne
Art
Carthage

Fletcher, Joseph Michael
Music
Duenweg

Foster, Daryl Thomas
Music
Webb City

Garrett, Earl J.
Political Science
Carl Junction

Georges, Randall Erwin Michael
Art
Joplin

Gibbs, Darren Jacob
Communications
Wright City

Glore, Brandon Lee
Art
Joplin

Hanlon, Robert Sterling
Art
Exeter

Hayes, Shannon Marie *
English
Seneca

Hudspeth, Andrew Ryan
History
Lockwood

Jamerson, Monique Andrea
Communications
Springfield

Kaphuka, Jackson Samuel
International Studies
Joplin

Keller, Kevin
Spanish
Carthage

Kern, Lexa Elaine
Music
Lake Saint Louis

Ketelsen, Stephanie Irene
International Studies
Oronogo

Koch, Jessica Irene
International Studies
Carthage

Koehler, Paul Michael
History
St. Louis

Lale, Tully Andrew
Communications
Hollister

Lane, David E.
Theatre
Liberal

Leiby, Bonnie Sue †‡
Communications/English
Rocky Comfort

Linduff II, Barry L.
Art
Miami, OK

Manley, Michelle Renee
Chemistry
Carthage

Mastin, Rachel Susanne †
Theatre
Grove, OK

McDonald, Dallas Lou
History
Joplin

Mense, Pamela M.
History
Joplin

Metcalfe, Bonnie D.
English
Goodman

Metcalfe, Robert F.
English
Goodman

Miller, Stephen Nathanael *
Music
Joplin

Noriega, Jimmy A. †
Theatre/English/Spanish
Monett

Ocasio Fernandez, Hiram Jose
Spanish
Tao Alta, Puerto Rico

Onoda, Naoko
Communications
Joplin
Japan

Osborne, Stephanie Ann
Spanish/Sociology
Joplin

Petersen, Valorie Janette *
Spanish
Neosho

Pugh, Timothy J.
Art
Joplin

Raska, Christian
International Studies
Joplin
Germany

Richardson, Patti Ruth
Communications
Joplin

Santiago, Axel
Communications
Webb City

Seneker, Carole Lorraine
Communications
Mt. Vernon

Shaffar, Lyndsey Nichole *
Communications
Joplin

Short, Desara Suzanne
Art
Neosho

Sneed, Sarah Brianne †
Chemistry
Auburn, KS

Taylor, Liana Ashley

History
Joplin

Thompson, Brenton Norl

English
Alba

Tunnell, Benjamin Austin

English
Joplin

Vansandt, Rachel Elizabeth

History
Neosho

Wade, Michelle Marie *

English
Joplin

Wakefield, Jason Alan

Art
Webb City

Walker, Heather L.

German
Joplin

Watkins, Jennifer Ann

Spanish
Carterville

Weisensee, Rachel Erin

Theatre
Joplin

White, Andrew Alleman

Art/French
LaRussell

Bachelor of Science

Amey, Kevin J.

Biology
Washburn

Avisé, Nicholas Matthew

Chemistry
Carthage

Barrow, Mary Catherine

Biology
Ft. Gibson, OK

Beilke, Michael C. *

Chemistry
Purdy

Blake, Summer Renee *

Biology
Joplin

Blount, Seafha Jolene †

Biology
Miami, OK

Brady, Kristal Lynn

Biology
Joplin

Brewer, Wesley Eugene

Biology/Biochemistry
Webb City

Burton, Debra Denise

Sociology
Joplin

Clymer, Nathan Robert Estell

Physics
Stella

Cooper, Tiffany Mischelle

Sociology
Miami, OK

Craig, Phyllis Allene

Sociology
Webb City

Estes, Karen

Environmental Health
Carthage

Fair, Nathanael Zane

Biology
Joplin

Harper, Christina Lynn

Biology
Talala, OK

Henderson, Nicholas David

Environmental Health
Webb City

Hensley, Chad Michael

Sociology
Webb City

Howell, Stacey Renee *

Sociology
Branson

Johnson, Christina Marie *

Sociology
St. Joseph

Keppeler, Joshua Lee

Mathematics
Edgerton, OH

Lackey, Christina Marie *

Sociology
Joplin

Laughlin, Kristina Renee

Environmental Health
Neosho

Lewis, Wm. Keith

Biology
Webb City

Lightle, Jr., David W. †

Computational Mathematics
Joplin

Madson, Dione Nicole

Biology
Galena, KS

Manley, Michelle Renee

Biology/Biochemistry
Carthage

Marston, Mark Donald

Environmental Health
Joplin

Mason, Sandra Dawn *

Biology
La Russell

McNeely, Tasha M. *

Sociology
Joplin

Mense, Kyle Matthew

Biology
Webb City

Moore, Anthony D.

Environmental Health
Neosho

Murray, Charles Randall

Biology
Joplin

Muse, Dean L.

Mathematics
Carl Junction

Oppenheim, Keith C.

Chemistry
Joplin

Pierce, Christopher George

Biology
Anderson

Rhoads, Susan Dawn

Sociology
Joplin

Roark, Jane A. <i>Sociology</i> S. Greenfield	Sneed, Sarah Brianne † <i>Biology</i> Auburn, KS	Van Lear, Michael Keith <i>Biology</i> Welch, OK	Young, Cynthia <i>Sociology</i> Webb City
Ryan, Laura Ann <i>Biology</i> Billings	Starkweather, Rebekah Evelyn <i>Biology</i> Joplin	Welton, Heath Brandon * <i>Biology</i> Caney, KS	Young, Jeremy John * <i>Biology</i> Joplin
Scheurich, Katie Dawn <i>Sociology</i> Webb City	Still, Sarah Lynn <i>Chemistry</i> Carthage	Williams, Ryan Michael <i>Biology/Biochemistry</i> Joplin	

School of Technology

Bachelor of Science

Alsbury, Andra Jean <i>Nursing</i> Miami, OK	Cleaveland, Melissa Nicole <i>Nursing</i> Cassville	Downing, Erin LeAnn * <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Sarcoxie	Fox, Rebecca <i>Nursing</i> Carthage
Atkins, Rachel Anne <i>Nursing</i> Carl Junction	Cochran, Stormie Michelle <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Miami, OK	Drake, Dustin Lee <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Fort Worth, TX	Fox, Romena Jo † <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Joplin
Barrett, Jessica S. <i>Nursing</i> Carthage	Cornell, Stephanie Elaine <i>Nursing</i> Neosho	Drum, Joseph <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Carthage	Frazier, Susan Renee <i>Nursing</i> Monett
Barton, Ashley Jo * <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Joplin	Cory, Michael David <i>Computer Information Science</i> Diamond	Eden, Adriana Tiffany <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Verona	Fries, Diana Lynn <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Diamond
Bryant, Lani LeAnn <i>Nursing</i> Neosho	Crain-Roush, DeeAnne <i>Nursing</i> Joplin	Engelken, Caleb Josiah * <i>Computer Information Science</i> St. Joseph	Garver, Nathan Robert <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Humansville
Burnett, Stacy Michelle <i>Nursing</i> Rocky Comfort	Crandall, Amanda Dawn <i>Nursing</i> Oronogo	Ewalt, Kevin Dwight <i>Nursing</i> Joplin	George, Brian Christopher <i>Computer Information Systems</i> Joplin
Busick, Brandon L. <i>Management Technology (MIMS)</i> Joplin	Darrow, Christina Marie <i>Nursing</i> Carthage	Faulk, Crystal Andrea Kristin <i>Nursing</i> Carthage	Givens, Jason Jerome * <i>Computer Information Science</i> Florissant
Chambers, Christine Ann <i>Nursing</i> Joplin	Dobbs, Landon Jeremy <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Jasper	Fielding, Jared James <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Springfield	Glover, Donald E. <i>Management Technology (MIMS)</i> Webb City
Chism, Ryan C. <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Stockton	Doulova, Ioulia Ivanovna <i>Nursing</i> Joplin	Fletcher, Heather Dawn * <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Joplin	Goerke, Dawn Michelle <i>Nursing</i> Joplin

Goetz, Courtney Suzanne
Nursing
Monett

Goodman, Kristen Leigh
Nursing
Wentworth

Grosse, Kasey Leigh
Nursing
Carl Junction

Grout, Jefferson
Criminal Justice Administration
Webb City

Hamilton, Candace Chantel
Nursing
Carthage

Harmon, Melinda Nichole ‡
Nursing
Neosho

Hartman, Jennifer Lynn
Criminal Justice Administration
Nixa

Hilton, Wesley David
Criminal Justice Administration
Lebanon

Hurn, Aaron Charles
Criminal Justice Administration
Granby

Hutsell, Jason S.
Criminal Justice Administration
Laquey

Hutsell, Tiffany Michelle
Criminal Justice Administration
Laquey

Ingram, Daniel L.
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Jack, Brianna Rosilyn
Criminal Justice Administration
Sarcoxie

Johnson, Aaron M.
Nursing
Joplin

Johnson, Jacob James *
Criminal Justice Administration
Granby

Kittrell, Shirley Ann
Nursing
Joplin

Klamm, Shannon L.
Nursing
Joplin

Lightle, Jr., David W. †
Computer Information Science
Joplin

Long, Michael Darrell *
Criminal Justice Administration
Houston, TX

Luney, Helen Elizabeth
Nursing
Exeter

Marshall, Audra Suzanne
Nursing
Joplin

Mays, Justin Lee
Computer Information Science
El Dorado Springs

McGatha, David Alden
Nursing
El Dorado Springs

Mense, Eric Joseph
Nursing
Webb City

Merriman, Joshua Daniel
Nursing
Joplin

Meyer, Nicholas S.
Nursing
Joplin

Millard, Hollie Marie *
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Moore, Heather G.
Nursing
Carthage

Moore, Joseph J.
Criminal Justice Administration
Carthage

Murrow, Misty Kay
Criminal Justice Administration
Fort Scott, KS

Navarro, Brian Allen
Computer Information Science
Diamond

Newman, Stacie R.
Criminal Justice Administration
Galena, KS

Nguyen, Kimberly Hoang
Nursing
Joplin

Nordell, Richard
Computer Information Science
Reeds

O'Donnell, Jeanne ‡
Nursing
Diamond

Ogle, Coeta Sue
Nursing
Joplin

Pachauri, Mudit
Computer Information Science
Joplin
India

Paillant, Diony
Computer Information Science
Joplin
Haiti

Pearce, Mark Christopher
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Perkins, Amanda Michelle
Nursing
Carthage

Peterson, Luke Octavius
Nursing
Joplin

Pyle, Robert F.
Computer Information Science
Carthage

Rader, Kerri Dawn *
Criminal Justice Administration
El Dorado Springs

Randolph, Chad C.
Criminal Justice Administration
Beaufort

Redmond, Darrell L.
Criminal Justice Administration
St. Louis

Reed, Gregory L.
Criminal Justice Administration
Neosho

Reed, Kara Lindsey
Nursing
Linwood, KS

Roach, Tracy J.
Criminal Justice Administration
Stotts City

Roberts-Daniel, Bonnie Janeen
Nursing
Neosho

Salyer, Loyd James
Computer Information Science
Sarcoxie

Seedorf, Jenny B.
Nursing
Joplin

Simrell, Orletta J.
Criminal Justice Administration
Nevada

Sloan, Becky L.
Criminal Justice Administration
St. Peters

Smith, Chrisy Ann
Nursing
Carthage

Smith-Ishimura, Melanie Leigh
Criminal Justice Administration
Pittsburg, KS

Starkweather, Rebekah Evelyn
Computer Information Science
Joplin

Stewart, Robert J.
Criminal Justice Administration
Broken Arrow, OK

Summers, Amy Lauren
Nursing
Joplin

Sutton, Gregory L.
Computer Information Science
Webb City

Tallent, Aaron Paul *
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Thompson, Jennifer Suzanne †
Nursing
Carthage

Thurman, Pamela Michelle
Nursing
Joplin

Tolly, Robert John
Criminal Justice Administration
Steelville

Torbeck, Karrie Elaine <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Stockton	Wary, Linda Schoech <i>Nursing</i> Columbus, KS	Webb, Mark H. <i>Computer Information Science</i> Joplin	Young, Joshua Cain <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Republic
Travis, Michael Dewayne <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Parson, KS	Watkins, Craig Adam <i>Computer Information Science</i> Carterville	Wilson, Aletha Vonny <i>Management Technology (MIMS)</i> Arlington, TX	Young, Robert Allen <i>Computer Information Science</i> Webb City
Vaile, Jeremy Ray <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Joplin	Webb, Kimberley Kay <i>Nursing</i> Miami, OK	Wilson, Jennifer Elizabeth <i>Nursing</i> Joplin	Younger, Eric William <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Webb City
Vice, Robert Michal <i>Criminal Justice Administration</i> Duenweg			

Associate of Arts

Barley, Rachel Ann * <i>General Studies</i> Joplin	Graham, Ashley Michelle <i>General Studies</i> Seneca	Lewis, Steven Edward <i>General Studies</i> Joplin	Stockton, Aaron Michael <i>General Studies</i> Joplin
Bishop, Shelly Elizabeth <i>General Studies</i> Lockwood	Harmon, Kandi Danielle <i>General Studies</i> Joplin	McCown, Marilyn Sue * <i>General Studies</i> Aurora	Vance, Laurie <i>General Studies</i> Webb City
Daingerfield, Brent William <i>General Studies</i> Monett	Horton, Andrea Angela * <i>General Studies</i> Joplin	Neugebauer, Brian Donald <i>General Studies</i> Lewisville, CO	
Durbin, Kendra Denae <i>General Studies</i> Seneca	Kuhler, Stephanie Rae <i>General Studies</i> Duenweg	Ryan, Jessica Ranae <i>General Studies</i> Joplin	

Associate of Science

Abernathy, Terry D. <i>Law Enforcement</i> Webb City	Beard, Wendy Reine <i>Dental Hygiene</i> Stark City	Bryant, Michelle Rene * <i>Radiologic Technology</i> Webb City	Chism, Ryan C. <i>Law Enforcement</i> Stockton
Ainsworth, Cary R. * <i>General Business</i> Joplin	Berry, Jason Travis <i>Computer Assisted Manufacturing Technology</i> Joplin	Busick, Brandon L. <i>Computer Assisted Manufacturing Technology</i> Joplin	Cochran, Stormie Michelle <i>Law Enforcement</i> Miami, OK
Allen, Kerri Lynnette <i>Dental Hygiene</i> Vinita, OK	Bley, Nicole Lynne <i>Dental Hygiene</i> Moundville	Butler, Jaye Ann <i>Dental Hygiene</i> Branson	Coomes, Abby Marie <i>Dental Hygiene</i> St. Paul, KS
Allen, Matt J. <i>Computer Aided Graphic Design</i> Webb City	Bradbury, Shay Alison <i>Dental Hygiene</i> Joplin	Carver, Eric Joseph * <i>Computer Aided Drafting and Design Engineering Technology</i> Webb City	Cory, Michael David <i>Computer Information Science</i> Diamond

Dobbs, Landon Jeremy
Law Enforcement
Jasper

Downing, Erin LeAnn *
Law Enforcement
Sarcoxie

Drake, Dustin Lee
Law Enforcement
Fort Worth, TX

Ellis, Robert Wesley
Respiratory Therapy
Southwest City

Engelken, Caleb Josiah *
Computer Information Science
St. Joseph

Fellows, Adriane Marie
Dental Hygiene
Bozeman, MT

Floyd, Amy Renee
General Business
Joplin

George, Amzel Rochelle ‡ *
Radiologic Technology
Neosho

Gilgen, Cary Elizabeth
Dental Hygiene
Gravette, AR

Givens, Jason Jerome *
Computer Information Science
Florissant

Gossard, Andrea Lynn ‡ *
Computer Aided Drafting and Design
Engineering Technology
Altamont, KS

Hart, Randi Lynn
Dental Hygiene
Eugene

Hayes, Misty Dawn
Dental Hygiene
Afton, OK

Hilton, Wesley David
Law Enforcement
Lebanon

Hoover, Grant Larry *
Radiologic Technology
Joplin

Hurn, Aaron Charles
Law Enforcement
Granby

Jack, Brianna Rosilyn
Law Enforcement
Sarcoxie

Johnson, Jacob James *
Law Enforcement
Granby

Long, Michael Darrell *
Law Enforcement
Houston, TX

Maddex, Kristin Marie
Dental Hygiene
Anderson

McMahon, Jayme Michelle
Dental Hygiene
Eureka Springs, AR

Millard, Hollie Marie *
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Mobley, Betty Sue
Law Enforcement
Webb City

Moore, Joseph J.
Law Enforcement
Carthage

Navarro, Brian Allen
Computer Information Science
Diamond

Neifing, Megan Beth
Dental Hygiene
Rogers, AR

Nelsen, Chad Lee
Computer Aided Drafting and Design
Engineering Technology
Webb City

Nelson, Crystal Renee
Dental Hygiene
Linn Creek

Newberry, Robert Stewart
General Business
El Dorado Springs

Nordell, Richard
Computer Information Science
Reeds

ODougherty, Amber Lee *
Radiologic Technology
Joplin

Ogden, Arin Lea *
Radiologic Technology
Lamar

Osborne, Ashley Nicole
Radiologic Technology
Carthage

Pachauri, Mudit
Computer Information Science
Joplin
India

Paillant, Diony
Computer Information Science
Joplin
Haiti

Patel, Simit V.
Computer Information Science
Miami, OK

Patton, Keri Lynn
General Business
Carl Junction

Pyle, Robert F.
Computer Information Science
Carthage

Reed, David Bradley
General Business
Lamar

Rhinehart, Nickie Joyce *
Radiologic Technology
Miami, OK

Ross, Kimberly Wright
Dental Hygiene
Springfield

Salyer, Loyd James
Computer Information Science
Sarcoxie

Scott, Laura Ann
Dental Hygiene
Springfield

Simrell, Orletta J.
Law Enforcement
Nevada

Smith, Courtney Elizabeth
Dental Hygiene
Joplin

Smith, Gina
Computer Aided Manufacturing
Technology
Ava

Sparks, Bobby Ray
Computer Aided Drafting and Design
Engineering Technology
Alba

Sprenger, Paula S. *
Respiratory Therapy
Neosho

Stewart, Robert J.
Law Enforcement
Broken Arrow, OK

Stockton, Aaron Michael
Computer Aided Graphic Design
Joplin

Stotts, James Michael *
Radiologic Technology
Sarcoxie

Sutter, Michael J.
Computer Aided Drafting and Design
Engineering Technology
Mexico

Sutton, Gregory L.
Computer Information Science
Webb City

Throop, Michael E.
Computer Assisted Manufacturing
Technology
Webb City

Wakefield, Jason Alan
Computer Aided Graphic Design
Webb City

Walker, Jay Lee
Computer Assisted Manufacturing
Technology
Computer Aided Drafting and Design
Engineering Technology
Chetopa, KS

Watkins, Craig Adam
Computer Information Science
Carterville

Webb, Mark H.
Computer Information Science
Computer Aided Drafting and Design
Engineering Technology
Joplin

Wells, Wendi Marie
Dental Hygiene
Vinita, OK

Williams, Megan Michelle
Dental Hygiene
Caulfield

Wilson, Aletha Vonny
Computer Aided Drafting and Design
Engineering Technology
Arlington, TX

Young, Joshua Cain
Law Enforcement
Republic

Young, Robert Allen
Computer Information Science
Webb City

Younger, Eric William
Law Enforcement
Webb City

School of Business Administration

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Adams, Daniel L.

Management
Wheaton

Aikins, Jr., Steven Ray *

Marketing
Altamont, KS

Alahaivala, Mika Petteri

International Business
Ylivieska, Finland

Allen, Lindsey Michele

Management
Neosho

Aulick, Benjamin Gene *

Marketing
Joplin

Baptiste, Bronti A.M.

Finance and Economics
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Barnett, Cheryl Sue

General Business
Galena, KS

Bello, Tori Mechelle *

Management
Lamar

Bottoroff, Sandra Kay *

Finance and Economics
Joplin

Bourne, Amy Maria

General Business
Joplin

Brathwaite, Bernadette Naomi

Finance and Economics
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Brathwaite, Vina Lucita

General Business/Finance and Economics
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Brimm, Cristin Shea *

Marketing/Management
Joplin

Brown, Dustin Ryan

Management
Joplin

Brown, Susan Elizabeth

General Business
Fort Scott, KS

Campbell, Patrick Dale

Management
Carthage

Cantrell, Melissa Dianne

Management
Joplin

Carney, Beth Marie *

General Business
Carthage

Cash, Jona Kathleen

Management
Joplin

Catanzaro, Jr., Mark Patrick

Finance and Economics
St. Louis

Charles, Delight

Finance and Economics
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Chen, Jian-Yun

International Business
Carthage
China

Chester, Jerrod Allen

Accounting
Carl Junction

Chipatiso, Hillary Simbisai *

Marketing/Management
Joplin

Chrisman, Sarah Angeline

General Business
LaRussell

Claussen, Jessica Lynn

Accounting
Joplin

Crocker, Sally G.

Marketing
Neosho

Culp, Mindy Ann

Management
Joplin

Cupp, Karen Lee *

Management
Joplin

David-Thayer, Karrissa Rochelle

Management
Wentworth

Davies, Amoret P.

Finance and Economics
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Davis, Michael Chase

Marketing
Independence

Dawson, L. Janice

Finance and Economics
Gainesville, FL

Dean, Laura E.

Finance and Economics
Joplin

Eastburn, Debra Colleen *

Accounting
Carl Junction

Elbert, Jill Marie

Marketing
Joplin

Elbert, Matthew Scott

Management/Finance and Economics
Pierce City

Erwin, Derrick A.

Marketing
Verona

Fahie, Lorna R.

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Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Farrington, Cleave Michael

Finance and Economics
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Feather, Melissa Rae

Marketing
Carthage

Ferris, N. Dwayne *

Accounting
Nevada

Fleetwood, Brian Keith

Accounting/Management/Marketing
Ava

Fleming, Brian Lewis *

Accounting
Joplin

Flippo, Jack B.

Management
Joplin

Forester, Janet D. *

Accounting/International Business
Lamar

Fowler, Tristan Howard

International Business
Joplin

Franklin, Timothy Aaron

Management
Carl Junction

Gardner, Mindy Lorraine

Management
Miami, OK

Green, Nancy D. *

Accounting
Carthage

Griffin, Eric N.

Accounting
Republic

Gumbs, Terence Calvin
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Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Haskins, Lee Alan *
Finance and Economics/Management
Joplin

Heffren, Andrea Beth *
General Business
Joplin

Hendry, Angela Marie *
Marketing
Joplin

Henson, Sarah Dawn *
Management
Joplin

Hill, Eric Michael *
Marketing
Carthage

Hill, Ryan James
Accounting
Webb City

Hodge-Smith, Louann
General Business/Finance and Economics
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Hombs, Neil Patrick
General Business
Boonville

Housh, Travis Gene *
General Business
Carthage

Hudson, Wylie Beth *
Management
Cassville

Jennings, Natisha M. *
Management
Carterville

Johnson, Anthony Kris
Finance and Economics
Neosho

Jones, Danee Jenell
Accounting
St. Louis

Jones, Floyd Lee
Finance and Economics
Pierce City

Joseph, Jessica E.
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Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Kershaw, Cody R.
Management
Joplin

King, Jerrilyn Eunice
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Klute, John F.
Finance and Economics
Carl Junction

La Vite, Giovanni Dante
Finance and Economics
Anderson

Lais, Sarah Meghan
Marketing
Joplin

Lasswell, Jennifer Rose
Management
Aurora

Lawrence, Sherry Nanette
Management
Joplin

Lawver, Jacob Royce
Management
Joplin

Leacock-Thomas, Yvonne
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Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Lee, Emily D. *
Finance and Economics
Carthage

McClure, Kimberly Lynn
General Business
Joplin

McCoy, Yolanda M.
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Tortola, British Virgin Islands

McMahon, Caleb D. *
International Business
Eureka Springs, AR

Mense, Melynda Jo
Marketing/Management
Webb City

Meyer, Jennifer Marie *
General Business
Monett

Miller, Amanda Sue
Marketing
Ozark

Mitchell, Jeremy Lee
Accounting
Joplin

Molyneaux, Smona Patricia
General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Moritz, Connie
Accounting
Pineville

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Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Moses, Leroy L.
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Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Murray, Jeffrey Ray
General Business
Washburn

Ohler, Melissa Gail
Finance and Economics
Webb City

Owings, Lois L.
Accounting
Nevada

Penn, Jr., Lionel R.
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Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Peterson, Jonathan Ryan *
Management
Joplin

Potter, Andy Lloyd
Accounting
Joplin

Potter, Esther Lurena
Finance and Economics
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Purkey, Grant Daniel
Management
Joplin

Rabel, Sara Lynnette
Management
Webb City

Reding, Donna Renee
General Business
Neosho

Robertson, Tina Renae *
Accounting
Carl Junction

Romo, Ofelia Lois
Accounting
Joplin

Rosewicz, Lisa Ann *
Management
Joplin

Rychcik, Mark James
Finance and Economics
Joplin

Sageser, Travis Harold
Marketing
Sarcoxi

Salway, Celestine
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Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Schipull, Jennifer Kay
Management
Golden City

Sinksen, Daniel James
General Business
Sioux Falls, SD

Skelton, Harriette
General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Skelton, Kinny Klara-Lynn

Management
Seligman

Stefan, Natalie M.

Accounting
Golden City

Tyner, Mariah Charly

General Business
Quapaw, OK

White, Peter Clayton

General Business
Joplin

Smith, Teresa R. *

International Business
Joplin

Stockton, Richard Lynn

Marketing
Joplin

Utter, Robert Wade

Management
Carthage

Whitehead, Andrew Daniel

Accounting
Diamond

Smith, Valencia Benecia

General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Storm, Dustin Matthew *

General Business
Joplin

Vladimirova, Iana Assenova †

Accounting
Sofia, Bulgaria

Williams, Kwele S.

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Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Solomon, Agnita

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Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Tignor, Jeremy Ray

Management
Joplin

Walters, Tom Harden

Marketing
Joplin

Winfrey, Craig Michael

Accounting/Management
Bluejacket, OK

Spann, Ethel A.

General Business/Finance and Economics
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Tole, Robert M.

General Business
Joplin

Watkins, Jennifer Ann

Management
Carterville

Wooden, James Brandon

General Business
Pineville

Sprague, Joseph Aaron

Management
Neosho

Torres, David M.

Accounting
Joplin

Watson, Christopher S.

Management
Joplin

Young, Amy Melinda * † ‡

Accounting
Carthage

Stammer, Keesa L. * †

Accounting
Oswego, KS

Tupper, Joshua Lee

Finance and Economics/Marketing
Joplin

Webb, Traci Lynn

Accounting
Seneca

Standeford, Joel Edmond

Management
Seneca

Turner, Christopher Allen

Management
Webb City

Weiss, Cynthia Rose

Accounting/Management
Webb City

School of Education

Bachelor of Arts

Bumann, Tiffany Joy

Psychology
Joplin

Higgins, Terra Lynne †

Psychology
Carl Junction

Severson, Sherri Lynn

Psychology
Webb City

Willoughby, Mary J.

Psychology
Reeds

Bachelor of Science

Bailey, Latricia Lynn

Health Promotion and Wellness
Cincinnati, OH

Baker, Anna Joyce

Psychology
Kansas City

Beck, Summer Nicole

Health Promotion and Wellness
Granby

Benfield, Steven B.

Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Benyo, Lori Marie

Psychology
Webb City

Brusca, Nicholas Matthew *

Health Promotion and Wellness
St. Charles

Chew, Jessica Lee

Psychology
Joplin

Clark, Megan Lynnette

Psychology
Joplin

Deen, Katie Marie

Health Promotion and Wellness
Norman, OK

Ebbinghaus, Tamara Leann

Psychology
Neosho

Edwards, Ashley Renee

Health Promotion and Wellness
Nevada

Ellison, Kennan Tyler *

Health Promotion and Wellness
Ava

Gragg, Sabrina Lea

Health Promotion and Wellness
Nevada

Hatfield, Caroline J.

Health Promotion and Wellness
Washburn

Hildestad, Casey James

Psychology
Oologah, OK

Hylton, Bobbi Jean *

Psychology
Joplin

Jefferson, Daniel Dodson *

Health Promotion and Wellness
Muskogee, OK

LeBlanc, Julie Joann

Psychology
Joplin

Lett, Jared Dane †

Psychology
Joplin

Lewis, Travis Lee

Psychology
Blue Springs

Lombard, Dawnya Mae *

Health Promotion and Wellness
Pierce City

Neff, James Alexander

Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Nichols, Stephen Brian

Psychology
Joplin

Russell, Megan M. *

Health Promotion and Wellness
Tebbitts

Schmitt, Tyson Sharp

Psychology
Joplin

Skiermont, Adam Jacob *

Health Promotion and Wellness
Omaha, NE

Snow, Michelle Lynn *

Psychology
Carthage

Stewart, Michael Montez

Psychology
Kansas City

Terry, Stephen Matthew *

Health Promotion and Wellness
Osage Beach

Thrasher, Christine Jessica

Health Promotion and Wellness
Lanagan

Weeks, Jennifer Lou

Psychology
Joplin

Bachelor of Science in Education

Bailey, Ross James

Elementary Education
Galena, KS

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Elementary Education
Galena, KS

Baker, Erin Grace †

Business Education
Joplin

Ball, Cassie Diane

Elementary Education
Pineville

Bandy, Gretchen Lisa

Elementary Education
Granby

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Mathematics Education
Jefferson City

Bastin, Kimberly Lynn *

English Education
Neosho

Bastin, Kristina Marie

English Education
Neosho

Bennett, Terry Grant

Business Education
Joplin

Bradley, Jamie Lynn

Industrial Technology Education
Joplin

Brand, Judith A.

Elementary Education
Joplin

Cassi, Erika Monique ‡ †

Elementary Education
Joplin

Cross, Annette Leigh †

Social Science Education
Greenfield

Davis, Julie Elisabeth Kathleen

Elementary Education
Stella

Denton, Marsha Kay

Elementary Education
Carthage

Deskin, Miranda Lynn

Elementary Education
Claremore, OK

Doll, Carrie Lynn Elementary Education Joplin	Huffman, Karina L. English Education Joplin	McClure, Cori Ann Elementary Education Joplin	Shanks, Gina Louise Elementary Education Oronogo
Drake, Brittany Brianne † Elementary Education Webb City	Hunter, Tammy Michelle Elementary Education Joplin	McFarland, Ryan Nicholas Business Education Webb City	Sigars, Candace Rebecca Social Science Education Webb City
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Gandy, Michael David Social Science Education Joplin	Johnson, Amanda Lane Elementary Education Joplin	Murray, Tara Jonne Elementary Education Joplin	Spillman, Stephanie Ann Elementary Education Miami, OK
Garren, Travis A. Business Education Webb City	Jump, Kimberly Erin Elementary Education Granby	Nelson, Misty Dawn Elementary Education Cassville	Stamper, Lara E. Elementary Education Joplin
Gilbreth, Cathy Lynn Art Education Joplin	Kisling, Erin M. Elementary Education Joplin	Noble, Jessie Morgan † English Education Nowata, OK	Stoyanov, Cheryl Ann Elementary Education Alba
Griffin, Tracy Lynn Unified Science Biology Education Neosho	Krebs, Kellie S. ‡ Elementary Education Mt. Vernon	Noid, Jessica Ann Physical Education Marshalltown, IA	Stribling, Jessica Dawn Elementary Education Webb City
Gunlock, Ruschelle Deonne Spanish Education Webb City	Kuhler, Stephanie Rae Art Education Duenweg	Perkins, Kelly R. English Education El Dorado Springs	Thomas, Meaghan Kristin Elementary Education Carl Junction
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Hembree, Melinda S. Elementary Education Seneca	Lamb, Chrisann Rae Elementary Education Miami, OK	Ragan, Shawn Elise Elementary Education Monett	Todd, Sara Elizabeth Elementary Education Diamond
Hemphill, Amber Dianne Social Science Education Stockton	Lay, Stephanie Diane Elementary Education Rogers, AR	Richmond, Rachelle Rene Elementary Education Anderson	Walthall, Theresa Dawn Art Education Seneca
Henry, Amanda Michelle † Spanish Education/English Education Sapulpa, OK	Lozano-Pittsley, B. Jean English Education Jasper	Rust, Michelle Business Education Mt. Vernon	Wardlow, Joshua Lee Bernard Middle School Education Cleveland
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Hooper, Tonya Jean Physical Education El Dorado Springs	Mattice, Erica Lee Middle School Education Carthage	Sailor IV, Charles Frederick Physical Education DeKalb	Welch, Harold Glen Elementary Education Carthage

Wilson, Sean Kevin
Elementary Education
Neosho

Wilson, Tina Lynn
Elementary Education
Neosho

Winters, Amanda Charlene
Elementary Education
Joplin

Witt, Amanda Ann
Business Education
Pierce City

Woolridge, Shannon Lee
Elementary Education
Webb City

Bachelor of General Studies

Banks, Tara D. *
General Studies
Webb City

Bartlett, Jess Everett *
General Studies
Wyandotte, OK

Binning, Regina Coreen
General Studies
Joplin

Boudreaux, Darla A.
General Studies
Webb City

Buchanan, Julie Lynn *
General Studies
Welch, OK

Burris, Christina Mae
General Studies
Havana, KS

Carter, Hannah Jane *
General Studies
Joplin

Cavness, Orestus Ireland
General Studies
Decatur, GA

Claypool, Mary Alice
General Studies
Fort Scott, KS

Cooper, Vicki Gail *
General Studies
Carthage

Coss, Tammy Sue *
General Studies
Diamond

Davis, Julie Elisabeth Kathleen
General Studies
Stella

Ellison, Michael L.
General Studies
Springdale, AR

Elwood, Jeffrey Deal
General Studies
Anderson

Ervin, Clara Jean
General Studies
Webb City

Gayman, Kelly Ranea
General Studies
Rich Hill

Graue, Julie Michelle *
General Studies
Neosho

Heilbrun, Richard Steven
General Studies
Joplin

Ingram, Daniel L.
General Studies
Joplin

Lefevre, Mary Elaine
General Studies
Bronaugh

Lovato, Elena Teresa
General Studies
Albuquerque, NM

Lynch, Kathleen Courtney
General Studies
Joplin

McAlister, Sheri Lynn
General Studies
Neosho

Murphy, Jerrod Paul
General Studies
Joplin

Neil, Heather Christine *
General Studies
Carthage

Putnam, Susan Leigh *
General Studies
Osceola

Rogers, Natosha Jean *
General Studies
Duenweg

Selsor, Amber Daile
General Studies
Webb City

Shetley, Meredith Grace
General Studies
Galena, KS

Sommerer, Brian Gene
General Studies
Stockton

Stockton, Aaron Michael
General Studies
Joplin

Thurman, Kim Marlene *
General Studies
Neosho

Watts, Ameer Shareef
General Studies
Rockford, IL

Woodard, Austin Lee
General Studies
Webb City

Academic Attire

As early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms. Some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

Our Mission

*M*issouri Southern State University is a state-supported, comprehensive university offering programs leading to the bachelor's degree and selected master's degrees. Faithful to its original statutory charter, the University also offers continuing education courses and a number of two-year programs in technical and vocational areas for the benefit of the community

The University's primary emphasis is the offering of a baccalaureate program that fosters the total education of each student. Central to that mission is a strong commitment to international education, to the liberal arts, to professional and preprofessional programs, and to the complementary relationship that must exist between liberal and professional education in order to prepare individuals for success in careers and lifelong learning.

Inherent in its international approach to undergraduate education is the University's desire to prepare its students to understand world affairs, international issues and other cultures as seen through their history, geography, language, literature, philosophy, economics and politics. Knowledge and understanding of other cultures of the world also promote better understanding of our own valuable cultural diversity

Missouri Southern's commitment to the liberal arts is reflected in a comprehensive program of general education requirements for all students to ensure that they have a breadth of educational experiences which will enable them to develop communication and critical thinking skills and to acquire and apply aesthetic, contemporary, civic, international, historical, mathematical, scientific and value-oriented perspective.

The faculty and staff of Missouri Southern State University emphasize quality teaching and learning as the most important attributes of the University, complemented by scholarly and creative expression and dedicated community service. Community service involves responsiveness to the Southwest Missouri region as well as serving as the intellectual, creative and cultural center of the area

In order to remain loyal to the trust given to the University by the people of the State of Missouri, Missouri Southern State University will

- fulfill its mission and objectives in an honorable and ethical manner;
- periodically review its mission in light of contemporary changes in society and in the needs of the people of Missouri,
- continually assess the effectiveness of its programs in order to ensure their quality and integrity

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